

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO DEPENDENT RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, September 29th, 1920, at 4.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Cunningham (Chairman) Bridge, and Messrs. J.S. Bell and J.W. McCallum.

80. ALFRED W. WOODFINE.

E.H. Lance - July 29th, 1920.

The above noted deceased soldier dies in Victoria Hospital this city on the 35th of July 1918. He enlisted in the C.A.M.C. on the 3rd of July 1916, and was discharged from "A" Unit M.H.C.C. on the 31st of December, 1917, suffering from heart trouble. He did not get overseas.

I have had a call from Mr. Woodfine's Mother who wondered whether she was entitled to any Civil Insurance. She stated that she had been informed by the City Clerk that she was. I promised to write to you and place the matter before you so that it could be taken up by the Committee. Mrs. Woodfine resides at 472 Emery Street, London.

J.W. McCallum - August 2nd, 1920.

With regard to the application of Mrs. Woodfine, for the civic insurance. Address given 472 Emery Street.

Her son Alfred Woodfine, was twenty-seven years of age and had lived in this city for fourteen years. He enlisted in this city on July 3rd, 1916; later got as far as Halifax where he was helping to load some boxes, and one of the boxes fell on him; he was injured, and removed to a hospital in Montreal for seven months, then returned to London to take a course in the O'Brien Business College. He enlisted July 3rd, 1916; discharged December 31st, 1917; died July 25th, 1918. His discharge was signed by C.E. Hall, and his regimental number was #528844.

Mr. Alfred Woodfine's father and mother live at the above address, but he had no brothers or sisters. The father of Alfred was employed at the Hyman Cut Sole Department, but is not working just now as things are slack.

I might state that Mr. Alfred Woodfine had a military funeral.

Upon motion the Clerk is instructed to ask the Military authorities whether the deceased's death was occasioned by service.

81. GORDON SUTHERLAND.

J.W. McCallum - August 24th, 1920.

With regard to the application of Mrs. Gordon Sutherland for participation in the Soldiers Dependent Fund. Address given 57 Duchess Avenue.

Mr. Gordon Sutherland, her husband, now deceased, had lived in the City of London about seven or eight years prior to enlistment. Mr. Sutherland worked for Eggett & Co., plumbers, and the last job that he did was at the Sanatorium. He was forty-one years of age, and enlisted on December the 30th, 1915; got as far as Camp Borden, and was discharged as medically unfit on October the 16th, 1916. He enlisted again on July the 13th, 1918, and was discharged on July the 31st, 1918, after eighteen days service. He was taken back on the D.S.C.R. on June the 2nd, 1919, and sent to the Insane Hospital where he remained until death.

Mrs. Sutherland has three children. The oldest, Jean, seventeen years of age employed at the Bell Telephone Company; started to work thereon August 23rd, 1920. The mother was not sure what she would earn, but thought about forty dollars per month. The next is a little girl, Ruth, and a baby nearly two years of age who does not look very bright.

Upon motion the matter is filed as the Committee has no power.

82. W. MIDDLETON.

J.W. McCallum - August 9th, 1920.

On August the 7th, 1920, Mrs. Pugh of Hamilton, sister of William Middleton, now deceased, called at my office to endeavor to establish her brother's residency in the City of London, but was unable to account for at least three months of that residency.

Mrs. Pugh says that her brother was a married man and deserted his wife, and gave his assigned pay to his sister, Mrs. Pugh, also he made his military will in favor of his sister, giving her all his earthly possessions. Mrs. Pugh says herself that she was not a dependent relative, and I cannot see how she can make any claim

to the gratuity given by the City of London. I cannot see that any of them are entitled to anything given by the City. In the first place his sister is a married woman and not a dependent relative. In the next place the deserted wife did not receive the assigned pay, so I cannot see anything but to refuse the claim.

Upon motion the matter is filed as the Committee has no power.

83. JOHN E. ATKINS.

E.H. Lance - August 18th, 1920.

The above noted ex-soldier dies in Victoria Hospital this city on the 13th inst. while on strength of the D.S.C.R. for treatment.

I understand that Mr. Atkins was insured by the City of London, and I am writing to ask as to whether his widow might expect to receive any benefits from the said insurance.

I might say that Mr. Atkins has been on strength of the department receiving treatment for disabilities due to war service practically ever since his return from overseas last year, so that he will I trust, be still eligible for benefits receivable under the Civic insurance fund.

Mr. Atkins served in France with the Canadian Forestry Corps and he leaves a wife and four children dependent upon him for support. They are at present residing at 343 Thames Street.

I will be glad to hear from you in regard to this case.

J.W. McCallum - August 21st, 1920.

With regard to the application of Mrs. John E. Atkins for participation in the Soldiers Dependent Fund.

Mr. Atkins died August 14th, 1920, and was forty-six or forty-seven years of age. He leaves a wife and four children, at home. The oldest, at home is Violet, fourteen; Daisy eleven; George nine, and Edith four; The oldest daughter of all is Mrs. Lily Conway living in Salem, Mass., but at present she is visiting at home on account of the death of her father. Mr. and Mrs. Atkins had a son killed in the war in the year 1916, and they received no gratuity from the city as they had not lived the necessary time in London to become citizens.

Mr. John E. Atkins for whom the application is made enlisted in 1915 in the 33rd Battalion, and was later sent back from Quebec; date March the 9th, 1916. He was discharged when the 33rd Battalion left for England, being medically unfit. Mr. Atkins enlisted the second time, in February 1917, with the Second Forestry Company, went from Camp Borden to England, and remained but a very short time in England when he was sent to France where he remained until the end of the war. He returned to London in April, 1919, and was discharged the same day of his arrival, as A.1. Mr. Atkins tried to work, but became sick three months after his return home. He was then placed in the Technical School for vocational training, and his troubles became more serious. He was then sent to Guelph by the Military Authorities, and later was returned to Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Atkins wife and family moved from Ingersoll to London in February, 1915. His family received government allowance, and he had government pay up to the time of his death when it ceased.

I presume that Mrs. Atkins will be entitled to a pension for herself, and her four children, but she is not sure of that, for the reason that he was discharged as A.1. on the day of his arrival back to London, Ontario.

Upon motion the matter is laid over until a pension is granted.

84. PETER JONSON.

J.W. McCallum - London Oct. 29th, 1919.

With regard to Mrs. Nellie Jonson of 254 Hill Street, whose husband was a soldier in the 18th Battalion, and killed at Paschendale on November the 9th, 1917.

Mr. Jonson had lived in this city for six months prior to enlistment. He was a sailor by occupation, prior to living in the city, and was in training six months at Carling Heights before leaving for the front.

Mrs. Jonson, his widow, had lived in the city for twelve years; had gone to school in London. She is a delicate woman, and has been in the Sanatorium for seven months as a part pay patient on the city. She paid fifty per cent of the cost. Mrs. Jonson was in England for thirteen months working on air planes and says that is where she contracted her trouble.

Upon motion the application is filed, as the applicant had not lived in the City for one year prior to enlistment.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.